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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
E	WO 2004/026043 A (PROCTER & GAMBLE) 1 April 2004 (2004-04-01) page 3, line 25 -page 4, line 7; claims 1-11 examples 1-5 ---	1-12, 14-16, 18-22, 24-30
E	WO 2004/032648 A (HELDT-HANSEN HANS PETER ;JENSEN MORTEN TOVBORG (DK); STRINGER MARY) 22 April 2004 (2004-04-22) claims 1-50; figures 1,2 page 3, line 21 -page 6, paragraph 5 --- -/-	1-9, 30

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X	<p>US 5 310 670 A (GOWARD CHRISTOPHER R) 10 May 1994 (1994-05-10) Sequence SEQ ID No 1</p> <p>---</p>	22, 24-28
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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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1. Claims: 1-9, 29, 30

Process for the production of a food product involving one heating step, comprising the addition of asparaginase to limit the formation of acrylamide during said heating step.

2. Claims: 10-28

Asparaginase from *Aspergillus niger* and method for producing it.

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